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IN THE CLAIMS

1. (Once amended) A fish hook comprising:
 - a. a shank having a first end and a second pointed end;
 - b. an operable member having a base and a pointed pivoting member mounted on the base, the pointed pivoting member operable between a first retracted position adjacent the shank and a second extended position away from the shank;
 - c. the base having surfaces defining a channel and the shank clampingly received in the channel; and
 - d. the pointed member operable from the first position to the second position responsive to engagement of the fish hook with a mouth of a fish.
2. (Once amended) A fish hook according to claim 1 wherein the operable member further [comprising] comprises at least one surface frictionally engaging the [operable] pointed member.
3. (Once amended) A fish hook according to claim 2 wherein the at least one surface frictionally engaging the [operable] pointed member includes at least one member extending from the base.
4. (Original) A fish hook according to claim 3 wherein the at least one extending member includes at least two spaced apart tabs.

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5. (Original) A fish hook according to claim 3 wherein the [operable] pivoting member is pivotably mounted in at least one of the at least one member extending from the base.
6. (Original) A fish hook according to claim 1 further comprising the pointed member having a pointed distal end angled away from the shank.
7. (Original) A fish hook according to claim 1 wherein the channel is a rounded channel resiliently clamping the shank.
8. (Original) A fish hook according to claim 1 wherein the channel clamps a curved portion of the shank.
9. (Original) A fish hook according to claim 1 further comprising the pointed member having a plurality of sharpened points.
10. (Original) A fish hook according to claim 1 further comprising an over center surface that resists movement of the pivoting member from the extended position to the retracted position.
11. (Original) A fish hook according to claim 1 further comprising engageable surfaces that, when engaged, limit the movement of the pivoting member .

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12. (Original) A fish hook according to claim 2 wherein the at least one surface frictionally engaging the pivoting member includes surfaces defining a slot in communication with the channel.

13. (Original) A fish hook according to claim 1 wherein the operable member further comprises at least one surface frictionally engaging the operable member.

14. (Once amended) An auxiliary member for mounting on a fish hook;

- a. an operable member having a base and a pointed pivoting member mounted on the base, the pointed pivoting member operable between a first retracted position adjacent the shank and a second extended position away from the shank;
- b. the base having surfaces defining a channel sized for clampingly receiving a shank portion of the fish hook; and
- c. the pointed member operable from the first position to the second position responsive to engagement of the fish hook with a mouth of a fish.

15. (Original) A fish hook according to claim 14 wherein the at least one surface frictionally engaging the operable member includes at least one member extending from the base.

16. (Original) A fish hook according to claim 15 wherein the at least one extending member includes at least two spaced apart tabs.

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17. (Original) A fish hook according to claim 15 wherein the operable member is pivotably mounted in at least one of the at least one member extending from the base.

18. (Original) A fish hook according to claim 14 further comprising the pointed member having a pointed distal end angled away from the shank.

19. (Original) A fish hook according to claim 14 wherein the channel is a rounded channel resiliently clamping the shank.

20. (Original) A fish hook according to claim 14 wherein the channel clamps a curved portion of the shank.

21. (Original) A fish hook according to claim 14 further comprising the pointed member having a plurality of sharpened points.

22. (Original) A fish hook according to claim 14 further comprising an over center surface that resists movement of the pivoting member from the extended position to the retracted position.

23. (Original) A fish hook according to claim 14 further comprising engageable surfaces that, when engaged, limit the movement of the pivoting member.

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24. (Original) A fish hook according to claim 15 wherein the at least one surface frictionally engaging the pivoting member includes surfaces defining a slot in communication with the channel.

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CLAIMS AS AMENDED

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